

REMARKS

Claims 13-32 were previously pending in the application. Claims 19 and 29 are canceled; claims 13, 20-21, 23, and 30-31 are amended; and new claims 33-34 are added herein. Assuming the entry of this amendment, claims 13-18, 20-28, and 30-34 are now pending in the application. The Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and these remarks.

In the event that the Examiner believes that this amendment does not place the application in condition for allowance, the Applicant requests a telephonic interview between the Examiner and the Applicant's attorney Yuri Gruzdkov to discuss this amendment. The Applicant requests that the Examiner call Mr. Gruzdkov to arrange a convenient time for such an interview. Mr. Gruzdkov can be reached at 215-557-8544.

In paragraph 3, the Examiner rejected claims 13-15, 17-18, 23-25, and 27-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art (APA) in view of Brodeur. In paragraph 4, the Examiner rejected claims 22 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art (APA) in view of Brodeur and further in view of Tobin.

In paragraph 5, the Examiner objected to claims 16, 19-21, 26, and 29-31 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that those claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

For the following reasons, the Applicant submits that all pending claims are allowable over the cited references.

Amended claim 13 is equivalent to previously pending claim 19 (now canceled) rewritten in independent form. Since claim 19 was indicated as allowable, it is submitted that amended claim 13 is allowable. It is further submitted that claims 14-18 and 20-22 are allowable at least due to their dependence from claim 19.

Amended claim 23 is equivalent to previously pending claim 29 (now canceled) rewritten in independent form. Since claim 29 was indicated as allowable, it is submitted that amended claim 23 is allowable. It is further submitted that claims 24-28 and 30-32 are allowable at least due to their dependence from claim 29.

New claim 33 is equivalent to previously pending claim 16 rewritten in independent form. Since claim 16 was indicated as allowable, it is submitted that new claim 33 is allowable.

New claim 34 is equivalent to previously pending claim 26 rewritten in independent form. Since claim 26 was indicated as allowable, it is submitted that new claim 34 is allowable.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant believes that all now pending claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicant believes that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, and early and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Fees

During the pendency of this application, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge payment of any filing fees for presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17 or credit any overpayment to **Mendelsohn, Drucker, & Associates, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0782**.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time if not submitted with the reply.

Respectfully submitted,

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